

PRAAYER AND ACTION

"Look to Mary to see how to respond to Jesus' call. First she kept all things, pondering them in her heart. She also went in haste to serve her cousin Elizabeth. Both Attitudes are essential parts of our response to the Lord: Prayer and Action. This is what the Church expects of her young people."

-Pope John Paul II

History

Prayer and Action is a mission trip program founded through the Diocese of Salina, Kansas. The idea was formed by two seminarians who wanted to accomplish two things: offer a low cost mission trip experience and provide service to the people in their own communities. They chose to name their program after a quote about Mary from the late, great Pope John Paul II that emphasized Mary's dedication to both prayer AND action. Over the past five summers Salina has created and perfected this mission trip program and has stayed true to its original intentions.

This summer we are proud to announce that the Diocese of Wichita will be starting our very own Prayer and Action mission program!

Description

Prayer & Action takes place over last five days. Students arrive on Sunday evening and stay until Friday morning. Throughout the week the students will paint, clean, do yard work, and perform other meaningful tasks for the poor, disabled, and elderly. The students will spend the week in an atmosphere that is free of distractions which will foster their faith, inspire charity, and lead them closer to Christ. The experience will also allow them to get to know other high school students from other parts of the diocese who share their Catholic faith.

The Prayer & Action experience will be facilitated by the mission team which consists of seminarians and other dynamic young adults. This team and the parish adult leaders will be with the students at the worksites, working side-by-side with them. In the evenings the team will lead *Collatio*, the retreat portion of Prayer & Action. *Collatio* is perhaps the most important part of the day as the students play, worship, and grow together in Jesus Christ.

Dates

June 17-22

June 24-29

July 8-13

July 15-20

Contact the Office of Faith Formation for more information